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In the Political Sky of West Virginia for the Campaign of Year, 1916.

(By Charles Brooks Smith)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—Just now a very thorough, almost microscopic survey of the political future in West Virginia is being made by not a few prominent native sons. The result of the recent set-to is a fine point of vantage from which to view the prospect and figure on it. The interest manifested by these pilgrims from the paw-paw commonwealth centers around and about the polling of two persons, to-wit, the senatorship in 1916, and the governorship in the same year. It is most intensive when considering the successor of Chilton. It may be accepted as a fairly good axiom of the game that where there is so much interest manifested, there must be not a little activity, although at this early date not on the surface and clearly apparent to the



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state voting direct for somebody for senator has its attraction not only for the general voting public, but for a number of West Virginians who believe that for the first time they will have offered them an equal opportunity with other men to contest for a high honor. Many of them believed that this was denied them under the old system. It is not altogether improbable, that as similar contests have turned out in other states which already have the direct voting law in operation that some of these optimists will feel less satisfied with the new system than they now think they will be. However, as that may be, it is a fact that a number of men who, under the old system, couldn't have induced themselves to try for the goal, are anxious to make a try for it under the direct form of voting for this high office. If half the candidates which are now being petted and papped, nourished and cherished, in the hope that they will grow to some appreciable size, materialize, the race for the senatorship in both parties is certain to be a free-for-all with the entry list full.

To prevent this, there will be the usual attempt at "elimination." That is an old and much-used play in the game. Sometimes this can be done and as many times it cannot. It depends on the situation and the circumstances, as well as the intensity of the ambitions involved. In this first try-out of the direct election of senators by popular vote in West Virginia, it will be a hard matter to successfully "eliminate" candidates, in our humble opinion, until the voters do the eliminating at the polls themselves. The reason for so thinking because there are not too many men, right at this moment, figuring on and decidedly anxious about it, to have a turn at this new toy, the same being running for a senatorship to be bestowed by the majority of the votes of the people of the commonwealth.

When the politicians are successful in "eliminating" the number of candidates down to one—and they have been in some of the states under the new order—it defeats the very purpose for which the popular election of senators was intended; that is, to give worthy and ambitious men a fair and equitable chance to secure a great honor and high position, and the voters the widest scope for making a choice. So far as West Virginia is concerned the outlook now is that this purpose will be achieved, at least, at the first popular election of a senator. If that should be the case, the gentle political art of weeding out the number of candidates to a minimum, thereby affording a clear field for some favorite who has the party machinery, or in other words "elimination" as aforesaid, will receive a heavy jolt. All promises, combinations and candidates for various offices, and even the time-worn and almost worn out "geographical lines," each one of which and frequently all of which enter into the eliminating process as applied to politics, are likely to go by the board for the time being at

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least. As to the latter—"geographical lines"—it is up to the voters to wipe them out. There has never been any excuse for them better than an ancient party custom, which more often than otherwise has done the state government irreparable harm, and handicapped the parties to their great hurt not infrequently.

Of the senatorial prospects as they loom up now a few words. The recent election served to cut the guy rope of not a few captive booms tugging impatiently at their cables. To forestall the charge of bias on our part, let us be stated right here and now that the names here given are by no means a complete list even now or for future reference. They are all that are within our ken at this wintery hour. We doubt not but what there are others just beyond and beneath the skyline, which will show up on the horizon in due course of time.

Taking the Grand Old Party, to start with, what better beginning of a list than Dr. Hatfield, who is also governor? Nobody has a doubt in which direction the doctor is heading. Nobody, that is, since the late campaign. He was a conspicuous figure in that scrimmage, and no star in that drama held the center of the stage or the spotlight longer and more frequently than he. The colonel himself couldn't get a front page "showing" in the papers of West Virginia or anywhere else, but the governor did, so far as the West Virginia papers were concerned, at least and that was what was after. He put forth the legislative contest vigorously and his efficient corps of publicity experts kept the public eye focused on that subject and their chief. In that regard operating the state committee in an "off year," and within a limited scope, justified those who favored the plan. If true, as some say, that the committee in its zeal for the legislature lost sight of the congressional contests from time to time, by no means argues that having the state committee on the job in the biennial campaigns wouldn't be a good thing in the long run.

Governor Hatfield, it must be admitted, goes into the membership contest with a personal organization that isn't to be despised by any one. As governor he has been able to surround himself with astute and seasoned politicians. His campaign for the legislature gave him an opportunity to try to extend his influence over and increase his popularity with the plain voting public. He will probably have a legislature to his liking. With it he ought to be able, and doubtless will, to help the public weal while at the same time helping himself along the high road of ambition he is traveling.

Of those who had a direct interest in the outcome of the recent election, who came forth from out the battle with many honors and a greatly increased popularity, Howard Sutherland is superseded by no one. Sutherland, since his victory over Dr. Hodges, is being hailed in many quarters as senatorial timber of a first class brand. His defeat of Dr. Hodges, while a fine feather in his cap, was not a hard thing for him to do. In fact, it was easy. He made practically no campaign, because he did not have the chance. He had to stay right here on the job—and that didn't hurt him with the voters, either. His opponent, Sutherland, in every county of the state. In fact, no candidate of any party in recent years has made a more strenuous canvass than Dr. Hodges. Besides, he is a gifted campaigner, a strong personality, and conceded by all to be one of the strongest candidates the Democrats have nominated in many years. Yet, so strong was the sentiment of the people back of Congressman-at-Large Sutherland, he won a comparatively easy victory, but under the circumstances a notable one. It is little wonder that many people are urging him for senator, and many others in his party for governor. He would make a strong candidate for either place, and a highly creditable adornment of either. Among those who very much favor this rising star taking a direction toward Charleston instead of Washington are some who have plans for themselves as to the national capital end of the matter. This is one of the things that add greatly to the situation.

Briefly, for lack of space, we must run over the other prospects at this early stage of the game. There is a healthy and a growing tone favoring Hon. Isaac T. Mann. Whether he becomes a candidate or not, it is figured that he will play a very important part in having the toga properly bestowed. Mr. Mann has a very strong following among a very high-class element of the party. To

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(Correspondence of Associated Press). SEOUL, Korea, Nov. 23.—The Russian government intends to transport a large number of Chinese coolies to Moscow and Peking as laborers are scarce in those cities on account of the war.

A new cattle market has been opened in the province of Hamkyong and a large exportation of cattle to Russia is taking place.

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